are to be set up. The NDCs are then to be linked upto form Community Development Societies (CDSs) at the town level. Besides, Thrift and Credit Societies for urban poor women groups are to be formed under the programme in a major step towards Women and Community Empowerment.

Strategic Planning Group on restructuring of Oil Industry

1464. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Strategic Planning Group on restructuring of oil industry has submitted its report alongwith some recommendations to Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether some suggestion has also been made regarding subsidies and cross subsidies which have resulted in wide distortion in the consumer prices and do not reflect the economic cost of petroleum products, which are not being passed on to consumers automatically and has led to inefficient use of precious fuels and large-scale misuse of highly subsidised products; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) to (d) Yes Sir. The report of "Strategic Planning Group" for restructuring of the National Oil Industry is being examined by the Government.

National Electricity Regulatory Authority

1465. DR. B. B. DUTTA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up an independent National Electricity Regulatory Authority at national level and various State Electricity Regulatory Authorities; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) and (b) The Government is considering finalsation of an Action Plan for the Power Sector in consultation with the States which, *inter-alia,* includes suggestions on Regulatory Commissions.

Disparities in per capita income in States

1466. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI: Will the Minister of PLANNING PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION
be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are wide disparities in the per capita income in various States in the country;

(b) if not, what is the assessment of per capita income in Delhi, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh Tamil Nadu, West Bengal, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Gujarat and Jammu and Kashmir, separately, during 1994-95;

(c) whether Government have ascertained the reasons for such disparities in the per capita income; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) The Per Capita income measured by Per Capita Net State Domestic Product (NSDP) does differ among the states.

(b) The information is given in statement (see below).

(c) and (d) The Per Capita NSDP differs among the States for various reasons. The figures are not strictly comparable between States. Uneven development of infrastructure, agriculture and industry in various regions, and differences in productivity of investment and developmental strategies, are reasons for the differences.